

YUNDEFF BILL NOT RUSHED BY KNESSET

'Cool it' attitude prevails

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Both major parties in the Knesset — the Alignment and the Likud — acted separately yesterday to cool the parliamentary atmosphere regarding the Yundeff bill. Members of both parties idly The Jerusalem Post that wanted to correct an unfortunate impression among the public that excitement over the case had been fanned by the fact that legislation was under way in the Knesset.

The Alignment decided to make the private members' bill a bill out of the Yundeff case will be rushed through the House. This decision in the form of a motion was designed as a countermove to the headline in which the Alignment members tried to nudge the bill. Alignment sponsors the bill said that "they never said it would be used as a snow-job."

The bill proposes an amendment to the Custodianship Law providing that the welfare of a minor be the determining factor for an Israeli court to consider, before agreeing to allow minors to leave Israel in conformity with the decision of a foreign court. The bill, tabled last week, was signed by nine members of all the large factions. It will come up for its first reading today. David Coren said that the speed at which the amendment was rushed through the Knesset attributed to the "atmosphere of hysteria" surrounding the Yundeff case. He proposed waiting until a later atmosphere prevailed.

France, Italy asked Israel aid over Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK — France and Italy asked Israel, several weeks ago, to use the question of the war in Lebanon as the UN source in Premier Yitzhak Rabin's party disclosed yesterday.

The two countries said they were worried about the fate of the Lebanese Christians, being Catholic themselves — but they could not table the issue at the UN for fear of reactions from Arab states.

The request, transmitted by the Israel UN mission to the Government, was rejected, the sources said. The reason given was that an Israeli initiative in this matter might have caused the Lebanese Christians more harm than good.

'Aviation Week' 15 Kfirs for export yearly

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Israel Aircraft Industries expects to sell 12 to 15 Kfir fighter-bombers annually on the export market for the next six to seven years despite Israel Government restrictions being placed on sales of some sub-systems, according to "Aviation Week." The restrictions centre mainly on electronic warfare systems.

Israel Aircraft Industries which is developing a two-seat version of the aircraft is placing no constraints on co-production of the aircraft in other nations.

"Aviation Week" said also that El Al is seeking new U.S. traffic rights in Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and one or two east coast cities in addition to New York.

Boys to be separated from their mother

The Supreme Court yesterday ordered the two Yundeff boys held separated from their mother, and flown to Germany to be placed in their father's custody.

The court, acting in the morning on the request by the Execution Office — following the failure to fly the boys on a Lufthansa plane — said the Execution Office chief could act as he saw fit to implement the court decision. This included transporting the boys without their mother, or permitting their father to come to Israel and receive custody, with the police's aid.

Commenting on threats reported by the father's attorney against the father — should he come to Israel — the court said the police would know how to protect the father should he decide to come.

In the afternoon, the father's lawyer applied to the court for an injunction ordering El Al to fly the boys to Germany. The court is expected to decide on this application today. So far, both Lufthansa and El Al pilots have used their prerogatives to refuse to take off with the boys aboard.

Peres, UNEF chief confer as Sinai move made

Defence Minister Shimon Peres met yesterday with Lt-General Enzo Siliusvuo, commander of the UN forces in the Middle East, to confer on implementation of the interim agreement in Sinai.

Asher Ben-Natan, the Minister's adviser, and the army's Operations Chief Aluf Harel Shafir, as well as Gen. Siliusvuo's adviser, John Miles, also took part.

Meanwhile Egypt yesterday took over control of another portion of the Sinai buffer zone presently held by the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF).

A UNEF spokesman said Egyptian military forces moved into a strip east of the Suez Canal and roughly running parallel to its central sector under terms of last September's second military disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt.

The area involved, the fourth part of the buffer zone handed to Egyptian troops since implementation of the agreement began, is about 32 km. long and 5 km. wide and stretches southward from a point opposite the Canal city of Ismailiya.

10 Sudanis die for plotting

CAIRO — Ten Sudanese soldiers were executed yesterday in Khartoum after being convicted of taking part in an abortive coup last September against President Jaafar el Numeiry, the Sudanese state radio, monitored by the Middle East News Agency, reported.

On January 23, three officers and two civilians were executed by firing squad for the same reason. (AP) (Editorial — page 5)

Moynihan quits UN

WASHINGTON — Daniel P. Moynihan, outspoken U.S. ambassador to the UN, submitted his resignation yesterday, administration sources said.

Last Wednesday, after a Moynihan-authored criticism of unnamed State Department officials was leaked to reporters, White House press secretary Ron Nease said: "Pat is supported by the President, the Secretary of State and the top officials of the State Department."

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said at the time there had been some criticism of Moynihan's outspoken approach to U.S. diplomacy within the department, but he dismissed them.

Moynihan had complained to Kissinger that State Department elements had been trying to discredit him at the UN, despite definite signs of success he had achieved in counter-attacking America's critics.

There were reports last November that Moynihan would quit the UN post. He scheduled and later abruptly cancelled a news conference on November 21, telling reporters: "I am not leaving right away."

He was then called to Washington for a meeting with Ford and Kissinger, which produced a White House declaration of support.

Reports at the time indicated that Moynihan felt Kissinger and



others at the State Department were not backing Moynihan's outspoken and controversial positions at the UN.

A "New York Post" report yesterday quoted sources close to Moynihan as confirming that he again considered quitting "after the uproar caused by the leak" of his telegram to Kissinger.

Moynihan has been encouraged by New York democratic circles to run for the U.S. Senate against James Buckley, a conservative Republican.

Moynihan took over Presidency of the Security Council on Sunday for February, and was due to convene private consultations among members later yesterday on a request by the Comoros for an urgent meeting of the Council. (AP, Reuters)

STORM CHANGES FLIGHT

Detroit hears Rabin by phone hookup

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was forced to cancel his visit to Detroit yesterday following heavy snow storms in New York, which closed two of the city's three airports.

After several hours' delay, Rabin and his party finally took off for Chicago from Newark airport in New Jersey. The Rabin plane left in a continuing snowstorm.

Hundreds of members of the Detroit Economic Club, including leaders of the automobile industry, who

had been slated to meet Rabin personally, heard him by telephone hookup from New York.

Rabin said that the religious warfare in Lebanon showed that the Jews cannot survive in the Middle East without a sovereign state of their own. All the talk about a "secular state" in the area in the foreseeable future was without any basis in reality.

He called it a "moral failure" of the United Nations not to deal with the Lebanon problem, an "unfortunate silence in view of what has happened to the Christian community there."

About 1,500 persons heard Rabin's remarks at Cobo Hall. Outside, about 50 members of the Organization of Arab Students carried banners and chanted opposition to Rabin and his country.

After the speech, the Prime Minister's automobile convoy, guarded by heavy police forces, made its way slowly through the snow-covered streets of New York to Newark Airport.

The four-engine jet plane, provided by President Ford, is divided into four compartments. The first is occupied by the crew, the second by the Prime Minister's party, the third by Mr. Rabin and his escorts — Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco and Ambassador Simha Diniz — and their wives.

The last and largest compartment is occupied by security personnel, protocol officials, and the press. Small Israeli flags were flown in the plane, and a paper napkin with a blue Star of David was on each seat.

Reporters were able to telephone to Israel directly from the plane.

Egypt denies it got new fighters

CAIRO — Egypt denied yesterday that it had received additional new jet fighters and said a statement by War Minister General Mohammed Abdel-Ghany Gamasy on Sunday had been misinterpreted by the press.

General Gamasy was quoted by the Middle East News Agency as saying in a speech that Egypt had received new jet fighters. The news agency quoted the government's military spokesman as saying that Gen. Gamasy's statement had been misinterpreted. (Reuters)

AFTER RABIN'S U.S. TALKS

Jordan PM now confers with Saudia

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Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Rifai last night returned home after a lightning visit to Saudi Arabia which was held against a background of an intensified Syrian-Jordanian appraisal of the Middle East situation following the recent UN Security Council debate and Prime Minister Rabin's current talks in the U.S.

Rifai had paid a similar visit to Damascus on Saturday. He conferred yesterday with Saudi Arabia's strongman, Crown Prince Fahd. Reports earlier in the evening said that Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam was due to join Rifai in Saudi Arabia, though there had been no information on whether Khaddam had actually gone there.

The Syrian Foreign Minister had in fact interrupted his mediation efforts in Lebanon to return to Damascus after having been recalled for undisclosed reasons.

In contrast to its past solidarity with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat who has been facing increased isolation since the conclusion of the Sinai interim settlement with Israel last September, oil-rich Saudi Arabia has been more and more involving in the newly-established alliance between Syria and Jordan. The three countries which now maintain close military cooperation, have been coordinating their political attitudes.

Judging from the assessments voiced in Damascus and Amman as well as in Riyadh, the Arabs and themselves at present face two main political options: the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East conference where the thorny issue of the Palestinian representation could be settled by including representatives in a Jordanian delegation; and what Premier Rabin described as

"quiet diplomacy" aimed at achieving interim settlements with the neighbouring states.

Syria was reported to be championing Arab opposition to any option that falls short of a clearcut Middle East formula calling for Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 war frontiers and the recognition of the "national rights of the Palestinian people."

Nevertheless, Syria has so far declined to proclaim a definite attitude towards a projected Jordanian comeback in order to negotiate what is being termed as a possible "West Bank interim settlement" with Israel.

Future Jordanian negotiations with Israel would eventually lead to a reversal of the 1974 Rabat summit decision which resolved to transfer the responsibility for the West Bank from Jordan to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Meanwhile, a number of former West Bank members of the Jordanian Parliament dissolved in aftermath of the Rabat summit — were scheduled to confer today with Premier Rifai and with King Hussein tomorrow. Some of the former deputies went to Jordan yesterday after being invited for "urgent consultations" in Amman. The contents of the agenda were not disclosed, though earlier reports from Amman said that it was intended to reconvene the Parliament, which comprised of 30 Jordanians and as many West Bank "Palestinians."

The PLO has so far kept silent over Jordan's recent move. Following their defeat at the recent UN Security Council debate, the PLO leaders were said to have placed their political interests with Syria, which is linked to Jordan in a large-scale alliance short of a union between the two countries.

Doubt if negotiations can get off ground

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK — Although the U.S. and Israel have agreed to sound out Jordan's King Hussein about the possibility of resuming Israel-Jordan negotiations, sources in Prime Minister Rabin's party are already expressing scepticism that such talks will in fact get off the ground.

The sources said yesterday that Israel does not appear ready to offer Hussein a substantial enough territorial withdrawal proposal on the West Bank needed to tempt the Jordanian monarch to break away from the Rabat summit conference decision of October 1974. The PLO was proclaimed the sole spokesman of all Palestinians at Rabat, and Jordan, under Arab pressure, accepted the decision.

The sources, while conceding that it would do no real harm to look into the possibility of Israel-Jordanian talks, said that 1976 will probably see very little — if any — progress on the diplomatic front.

During President Ford's talks with Rabin last week, the U.S. did not offer Israel a firm commitment regarding U.S. policy in May if the Syrians should once again issue new conditions for an extension of the UNDOF mandate on the Golan Heights, the sources said.

The sources added that Israel is hopeful that the U.S. will call Syria's bluff in May, rather than give in to Syria's demands as it did last November in a last minute about-face. In this regard, Israel was encouraged by America's Security Council veto which blocked passage of the one-sided anti-Israel resolution last week.

Ford and Kissinger assured Israel during the talks that the U.S. opposed the establishment of a third state between Israel and Jordan and also agreed with Israel that a settlement of the Palestinian problem should be made through negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

On bilateral arms issues, the sources said that Israel received 70 per cent approval for the items it had requested. The sources, expressing satisfaction in this outcome, pointed out that Israel has traditionally received only 50 per cent of arms approval during most previous visits to Washington.

In a related development, other Israeli sources here said yesterday that Rabin had not in fact seen all of Israel's arms shopping lists submitted to Washington, as charged by Israeli Defence Ministry sources. Referring to the controversial briefing in Washington last week by a "senior Israeli official," the sources insisted that some arms requests were made to the U.S. without Rabin's having checked them.

The sources refused to provide additional details. The "senior Israeli official" had complained during the briefing that Israel's arms requests were "exaggerated."

Meanwhile, "New York Times" columnist William Safire said yesterday that Ford may urge King Hussein to reconsider the Rabat decision during the Jordanian monarch's annual private visit to Washington next month. Safire, who met with Rabin last week, also said that the Prime Minister was interested in pursuing the Jordanian option, if possible.

Syria steps up peace moves in Lebanon

BEIRUT — Syria stepped up its efforts yesterday to consolidate an 11-day-old cease-fire and bring about a political settlement of Lebanon's civil war.

The mixed armistice group of Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian military officers said it was taking "stern measures" to curb kidnapping and counter-abduction by Moslem and Christian militias.

A statement said 22 men were abducted during the past 48 hours. Four were found killed, 12 were released, and the rest were still missing, the commission reported.

It did not say what counter-kidnap measures were being taken. Mass abductions caused the collapse of several cease-fires during the last 10 months of sectarian conflict.

The commission also sent squads to patrol the biggest industrial compound in Lebanon, on the northeastern edge of Beirut, in an attempt to get scores of factories back in operation for the first time in six months.

The factories, with an estimated total of 25,000 workers, suffered heavy damage during the last round of fighting when Christian militias blockaded two neighbouring Palestinian refugee camps for 22 days.

New cautious steps were taken yesterday to return to normal life. The government declared the academic year under way, four months

behind schedule, and opened schools throughout the country.

"Curbing abduction and getting industry moving again are the two main challenges to the efficiency of the armistice commission," said a government spokesman. "If it passes the test, then the threat of another round of fighting will be minimized."

The spokesman brushed aside as "political manoeuvring" claims by Lebanon's top leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt that both Christian and Moslem private armies were arming anew for another outbreak in spring.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul (Continued on page 3, col. 1)



The Moroccan government distributed this picture on Sunday, with a caption explaining three were Algerian soldiers taken by the Moroccan royal forces in Amagla, Spanish Sahara. (AP radiophoto)

Algeria: 400 Moroccans killed

ALGHERS — An Algerian newspaper claimed Algerian armed forces killed some four hundred Moroccans in a battle at the Angala of the Western Sahara. It was the first specific figure from the Algerian side on last week's clash.

The daily "El Moudjahid" said: "The royal armed forces left some 400 corpses on the ground." Algeria was prepared to return the blows "tenfold," it continued.

An official source in Morocco described the claim as pure fantasy. The Moroccans have said the Algerians lost 200 dead and 109 captured in the fight, against the loss of only 15 Moroccans killed and 14 wounded.

The Algerians say their forces withdrew under an intense Moroccan bombardment. It is hard to imagine them counting Moroccan corpses before they left," the Moroccan source said.

In Rabat, the Moroccan area commander said Morocco will give Algerian soldiers operating in the

Sahara several days to withdraw and then launch "the full force of our campaign to clean them out."

Colonel Ahmed Dimi said: "We have finished three-quarters of our operation. The Algerians and rebels now have a few days to withdraw from our Sahara or we will launch the last quarter."

Speaking after he had led journalists on a tour of the Angala area, Dimi said that the remaining Algerian and the Algerian-backed Marxist Polisario guerrilla forces were concentrated around the town of Mahbes, 40 kms from the Algerian border.

The colonel led journalists on a day-and-a-half trip by Landrover and helicopter to sites around Angala. He included stops at two huge storage tanks each filled with 25,000 litres of gasoline, dozens of ground to air Russian Sam-6 rockets, a quantity of medium-sized mortars and an assortment of automatic and semi-automatic rifles.

"You see these storage tanks?" Dimi asked. "A week ago, their gasoline drove the vehicles of the Algerian invaders. Now it drives ours."

Angala is 45 kms by air from Smara, the Sahara's second largest city with a population of 4,000 — half of whom are soldiers. To reach Angala from Smara by car it is a 130 kms drive through winding desert roads.

Dimi told reporters that the Algerians had slowly built up their forces in Angala over the past month. Disguised as wandering nomads, they built large tent cities to use as bases from which to attack both northern Moroccan and southern Mauritanian troops, the colonel charged.

The Algerians back the pro-independence guerrilla movement recruited from the indigenous Saharan population. Both opposed the November 14 Madrid accord dividing the mineral-rich territory between Morocco and Mauritania. (Reuters, UPI)

New American chief 'Reasonable chance to save Maritime'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
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HAIFA — H. Struve Hensel, the newly-elected president and chief executive officer of the Maritime Fruit Company, told The Post last night that he believed the chances for saving the company from financial collapse and its revival to be reasonable.

In a phone conversation from

New York, he also made it clear that Messrs. Milla Brenner and Ya'acov Meridor, who resigned from their posts as joint managing directors and board chairman, would have no special position in the company, except as board members. "They are my friends and I'll listen to them any time. But I'll be the only one to make the decisions and the policy, both short and long term," he said.

I had asked him to comment on Meridor's announcement on Israel Radio from New York yesterday morning that now they had withdrawn from the daily operations, he and Brenner would make the long-term policy of the company.

He could not yet say how big the company's liabilities were, but "it will not be easy. There are debts maturing and we shall need the help of the banks and their leniency."

Asked whether he still intended selling the company's eight Israeli flag refrigeration ships, Hensel said, "We are in a position where everything we have is up for sale if the price is right." He added, "I have to sell some of the ships to raise cash and the eight are in the best shape." He would "love the Zim liner or any other Israeli interest buy them," and would be happy to talk to potential buyers.

The decision to move the company's headquarters from Haifa to London had been taken for reasons of convenience and economy, as most of the company's ships flew the British and German flags, he said.

He would work full time as president, while Mr. Guldien would carry out the normal duties of a board chairman, he said.

He confirmed that Brenner and Meridor were the major shareholders in the firm, and estimated that they held between 37 to 38 per cent. But they had made over their voting rights to him, he said.

In answer to a question, he said he had not joined the firm to represent the banks or anybody else, but solely in an effort to overcome its difficulties. He had been asked by Brenner and Meridor to take the post and make the attempt. "It's not easy, but if we get the banks' help I'll have a good chance," he concluded.

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Forecast: Variable amounts of medium and high clouds; possibility of local showers.

Weather synopsis: A deep trough over the central Mediterranean with a cold front extending to Cyrenaika is moving out slowly.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	29	5-15	7-15
Golan	29	5-15	7-15
Nahariya	45	8-20	9-20
Safed	45	8-20	9-20
Haifa	35	10-19	11-20
Tiberias	33	8-23	10-23
Nazareth	33	8-23	10-23
Afula	37	8-19	9-20
Shomron	26	8-18	10-18
Tel Aviv	51	9-18	10-18
B-G Airport	43	7-21	10-21
Jericho	27	8-24	10-24
Gaza	27	8-24	10-24
Beersheba	19	7-21	9-21
Eilat	31	12-25	13-25
Tiran	37	12-21	13-21

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Golda Meir for lunch. Later in the day he received Henri Bendoric of Rome, and his wife.

The wives of members of the Latin American diplomatic corps in Jerusalem yesterday concluded a tour of WIZO institutions with a visit to the WIZO club. Raya Jaglom was their hostess.

Friday night's Vocal Newspaper, 8:15 p.m. at Beit Ha'am, will feature Council of Higher Education secretary Avraham Ben-Yaacov speaking on "Higher Education: Necessity or Luxury?" Dr. Dan Hoffman, head of the Bezalel Art Academy, on "Seventy Years of Bezalel," and journalist Ya'acov Landman: "Events in Lebanon."

BIRTH
BEN-KOHAV. — To Mira (née Lidor) and Dani Ben-Kohav, a son. The Brit Mila will take place at 11:30 a.m. at "Habushan," 68 Jaffa Road, Jerusalem, today.

IN MEMORIAM
A shloshim memorial meeting for the late linguist and lexicographer, Reuven Alkalay, was held yesterday at Beit Agnon, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS
Sylvan Orlitz of St. Petersburg, Fla., leading a 16-member national UJA mission.

DEPARTURES

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek, for a week's trip to South Africa, at the invitation of that country's Jewish community.

Mordechai Bar-On, the Jewish Agency's Youth and Recruitment Department head, for Frankfurt, where he will meet with West German Jewish communities interested in accepting Israeli emigrants.

Rabbi Rubin Dobin, national co-chairman of Operation Recognition, for the U.S., where he will carry on with the worldwide efforts to bring about international Red Cross recognition for the Magen David Adom society of Israel.

German team here for talks

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A high-ranking West German economic delegation, headed by the director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Lothar Lahn, arrived here yesterday for four days of talks on implementing an economic agreement between Israel and the Federal Republic.

A committee, including the German delegation and top Israeli planners, was set up last November during German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's visit to Israel. Accompanying Lahn are Dr. A. Boecker, head of the German Foreign Ministry's Near East Division; Barbara von Schieckhus, division head in the Economic Ministry; and Guenter Daniel, a high official in the Ministry for Economic Cooperation.

Though the delegation's discussions will be limited to economic and technical subjects, Lahn was asked at the airport about Foreign Minister Hen-Dietrich Genscher's recent statement calling on Israel to withdraw from all the territories — a demand which differed from Germany's previous stand. Lahn said there had been no change in Germany's position, and that Genscher had already made that clear through the Israeli and German ambassadors.

This country receives about \$400 million a year in aid from Germany, mostly in capital and long-term loans. However, Israel accumulated a trade deficit of \$380 million during the first 10 months of 1975, and talks will include ways of increasing Israel's exports. (Ithm, AP)

Leon Glaser dies

NEW YORK. — Leon Glaser, an author, journalist and lecturer specializing in the Middle East, Russia and Jewish affairs, died on January 29 at the age of 80.

Glaser was the author of several books including "From Moscow to Jerusalem," "The Moral Perishes," "The War in Europe," and "The World in Tears." The first two books were burned by the Nazis along with other works by Jewish authors.

"From Moscow to Jerusalem," was translated into English by Isaac Bashevis Singer and along with "The World in Tears" it is being prepared for a Broadway musical by Glaser's son, Sloma Glaser.

Glaser was one of the organizers of the Hagana in Palestine. In 1921 he was awarded a miniature Tora by then Chief Rabbi Avraham Kook for single-handedly holding back Arab rioters on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border. He was also the founder and former president of the Radio City Synagogue in Manhattan. (JTA)

Knesset holds special tribute to Pinhas Lavon

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday held a special memorial session for the late Pinhas Lavon, a one-time Minister of Defence who sat in the Knesset for many years.

Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, opening the session, said that Lavon was an original thinker who criticized the faults of Israeli society in general and Israeli socialism in particular in an attempt to correct them.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok said Lavon reached his true brilliance as secretary-general of the Histadrut. Zadok quoted Lavon's criticism of his own Labour Party for "allowing the organization to be dominated by ideologies and idealists to take control of it."

Dr. Yohanan Bader (Likud) said that Lavon's tragedy was in being forced out of political life by the late David Ben-Gurion despite having won his fight for the truth in the affair of the sabotage actions in Egypt over 20 years ago. Bader said that Lavon, who was only 50 when he was forced out of the Cabinet had only 55 when he was forced out of the Histadrut, could have contributed a great deal to his party and his country had he been allowed to remain in political life.

Lavon served in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Knessets. He was Minister of Agriculture and Minister without Portfolio for a period, as well as Minister of Defence. He served twice as Histadrut secretary-general.

The widow, Lucy Lavon; his brother, Zvi Lavon; relatives and members of his home kibbutz, Hulda, sat in the VIP gallery.

A research institute on the labour movement in Israel, named in honour of Lavon, will be established by the Hebrew University. It will be headed by Prof. Shlomo Avineri.

Customs men resume work on VAT

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

Employees of the Customs and Excise department of the Finance Ministry decided yesterday to resume preparation for the introduction of Value Added Tax on April 1. They have been refusing to work on the new tax until their demands were met.

The employees' council met in Tel Aviv yesterday and decided to start immediate negotiations with the Treasury on their demands concerning their new duties. The decision to resume regular work was taken by a two-thirds majority.

Council chairman Yitzhak Man told The Jerusalem Post the decision is a gesture toward the Treasury executive, in order to implement VAT on time. "The workers do not want to be responsible for any delay in this important tax," he said.

The employees are demanding higher grades for those who will have increased responsibility as a result of their work on VAT. They also want those who are incapable of adjusting to the new work to be granted earlier pensions, and extra effort allowances for all employees working on the new tax. This last demand, Man said, is justified by the fact that 200,000 more files will have to be dealt with. The employees also want larger car and telephone allowances.

Haifa Port guards on duty at Kishon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 700 employees of Haifa Port, including the port guards, resumed normal work yesterday morning after holding a half-hour meeting over the demands of the port guard to keep some of the guard duties taken over by the Border Police on Sunday. The guards accepted management's order and went to the Kishon auxiliary port.

Management announced that it would deduct a half-hour's pay from the employees although port operations were not disturbed by the meeting.

The Port Authority agreed to a request by the labour council for a joint committee ruling the port guard dispute.

Ya'acov Shimon named next envoy to Berne

Ya'acov Shimon, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, will be Israel's next ambassador to Switzerland, the ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Shimon, who has worked in the ministry since 1948, will succeed Arye Levavi.

After serving as director of the Middle East Division, he was head of the Asia Division; adviser in the Israel Embassy in Washington; envoy to Italy and empowered to represent Israel in Ceylon, Philippines and Laos, head of the Eastern Europe Division; and Ambassador to Sweden.

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY in Beersheba has dedicated a chair in immigration and absorption, created with the support of the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption.

Moving back across the Green Line — the Tzefania and Harush families start loading their belongings from their Ramallah home onto a truck.

Jewish families leave Ramallah, get immigrant housing in Ramot

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two Jewish families, whose Ramallah landlord had been trying to evict them for the past two years, left their apartments yesterday and moved into the Ramot development in northern Jerusalem.

According to their lawyer, the families moving back across the Green Line into Israel proper are renting their new apartments under the same terms offered to new immigrants. According to the Housing Ministry spokesman, the terms are those accorded to slum evacuees.

The families of Shmuel Tzefania and Armand Harush (together numbering 13 people) had been living since shortly after the Six Day War in rented apartments in a house about two kilometers outside the Jerusalem city limits, in Dahiyat al-Bard. Other Jewish families who also moved into the area had gradually left. Following the Yom Kippur War, the families, Arab landlords asked them to leave on the grounds that he needed the apartment for his own use. The families' lawyer, Shalom Levy, said yesterday that the landlord had been pressured by Arab nationalists to oust the Jewish families. The families, in turn, were urged by Gush Emunim to stay.

When the families refused to leave, the landlord obtained an eviction order from a Ramallah court. Levy filed an appeal to the Court of Appeals in Ramallah, the highest judicial body on the West Bank. (The courts on the West Bank still function as they did under Jordanian administration.)

The court, however, refused to hear Levy's appeal because it was written in Hebrew. The lawyer then appealed to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem, which ordered the Ramallah court to hear the appeal even though it was written in Hebrew. (Hebrew was one of the official languages in Ramallah courts under the British administration.) The Ramallah court heard Levy's appeal, but sustained the eviction order.

Levy again appealed to the High Court of Justice, this time asking it



Back in Israel proper — Armand and Phoebe Harush smile happily in their brand-new Ramot apartment. (Pictures — Rahamim Israeli)

to overturn the Ramallah court's ruling on the merits of the case. The High Court agreed to a temporary stay; but before the case could be argued before it, the families were offered the apartments in Ramot, and agreed to accept.

According to Levy, the offer of the apartments had come from the Military Government, against whom his last appeal had been directed, since it would have been the party responsible for executing the Ramallah court's eviction order. The lawyer said the families were willing to leave as their "pioneering" mission had lost its urgency with the creation of a settlement nucleus at Ofra, northeast of Ramallah.

Zionist 'pipeline' to the U.S.

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Up-to-the-minute reports and "inside information" on Zionism and Israel are being pipelined to 750 American Jewish leaders every fortnight, via tape cassette, from Jerusalem.

The innovation is part of an information and education campaign established by the American Zionist Federation in November for six weeks, extended for a few months and now continuing indefinitely. "What Jewish leaders want is direct, factual information," said Bill Levine, director of the American section of the World Zionist Organization's Information Department, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post last week. "They don't want material that will preach at them, but hard material that will help them inform others."

The 15-minute cassettes (recorded in New York from a master tape from Israel) is professionally done, recorded in a conversational tone by an experienced Israeli Radio reporter for leaders of Zionist organizations, religious leaders, community centre directors and others.

Reporting from the Golan Heights, the narrator interviews soldiers on the border ("Every tree looks like a terrorist at night," says one soldier, "and it scares me stiff; but I still do it") and provides political commentary as well.

The tapes, Levine explained, are meant for activists in Jewish life and opinion moulders in the Jewish community who don't have enough time to read all the literature with which they are flooded. The listeners are invited to make it a two-way conversation and to send letters to the Zionist Organization in Jerusalem with questions on politics or economics. "We'll try to answer."

Aside from the audio material, said Levine, who just returned from a six-week visit to the U.S., there are printed information packets on topics ranging from "The Palestinians — Some Facts" to "The Claims, the Facts and Jerusalem." They are meant to assist volunteer speakers going to parlour meetings and assemblies in 300 communities around the U.S., and to

provide practical guidance in disseminating Zionist information: how to hold a press conference, how to write articles for newspapers, how to approach prominent non-Jews to speak on behalf of Israel, how to deal with accusations, how to organize demonstrations and how to obtain sermons from well-known rabbis on Zionist topics.

Levine asserted that American Jewry's response to the UN's anti-Zionist resolutions was "unprecedented in our generation" because of its solidarity resulted not from bloodshed, but from "people feeling personally threatened by an attack on Israel." But he would not predict how long this phenomenon would continue.



Leah Rabin is pictured with Jackie Kennedy Onassis in New York. Mrs. Rabin is in the U.S. with her husband, Premier Yitzhak Rabin. (Ya'acov Se'ar)

Israelis want no PLO observers at Italian Socialist forum

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Israeli Labour Party's representative here has made intensive efforts to persuade the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) to alter its decision to invite the PLO to the party's national convention.

The representative, Yoram Peri, contacted the PSI man at the Socialist International Bureau here and talked with the party headquarters in Rome. The Italians explained that the Israeli Labour emissary would enjoy the status of a fraternal delegate, whereas the PLO representative would "only be there as an observer."

Sad Mothers Day for the Yundeffs

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sarah Yundeff, mother of Menahem and Dori, spent Mothers Day yesterday listening to hourly newscasts at the Ne'urim police rest home near Netanya.

While she was on the phone to her brothers every couple of hours, her two children spent most of the day playing football with the policeman.

A social worker visited the mother and children at Ne'urim, during the day. While she was there, they heard the decision of the Supreme Court to separate them. The children immediately started crying, saying they would not leave the country and would not part from their mother.

Prominent Tel Aviv lawyer Arye

Marinsky re-entered the scene

terday for a few hours only. He represented Mrs. Yundeff and her brothers, Yosef and Dori, before the court. Marinsky represented the police at the start of the proceedings three years ago. Shlomo Cohen-Zidon will continue to represent her and her brothers.

Marinsky immediately requested hearing with the Tel Aviv court. He requested that the court order the execution of court orders, to request Marinsky's return to the children to Germany until a day. He explained that by then he hoped the Knesset would pass a law which will keep the children in Israel. The judge refused. Marinsky withdrew from the court.

Asked by the judge if she thought the children should be separated from their mother, the social worker who had visited them that day gave an emphatic "No." Asked if she herself would be ready to live in the mother's place, she said "I wouldn't do this for a minute. I couldn't repair the harm that would be done. No one can repair the mother."

If after Sunday the children had to go to Germany, Marinsky said Mrs. Yundeff had promised she would agree to fly with her children then and she would be able to quieten the children. The Jerusalem Post has learned that prominent Berlin lawyer, Utzinger will help in the legal battle the minute the children arrive in Berlin — if they do leave for Germany.

Whether the children's lawyer, Yosef Yundeff, will come to Israel is still uncertain. Yesterday, Supreme Court refused to grant immunity from being detained in Israel by legal devices.

Yesterday, he told Israel's correspondent Alvin Baker that he would be willing to come to Israel if advised to do so by his lawyer. "An end must be made to this whole affair," he said.

Yehudit Cohen named Tel Aviv Mother of Year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The city's 1976 Mother of the Year is Yehudit Cohen of the Tel Aviv urban renewal housing estate.

Mrs. Cohen is the mother of three high school pupils. Her husband is employed in a wood-working plant. Until two days ago, the family resided in the Shapir Quarter slum. The 17-member jury, headed by the mayor's wife, Ziva Lahat, noted that despite economic hardships, Mrs. Cohen is a model mother, providing her children with a good education.

Three other mothers received citations of merit. Reihana Ahuda, a Moslem mother of seven from Jaffa, wakes up at 2 a.m. to bake the family's pitot. Ora Kaplan of Ramat Aviv is a mother of four and still finds time to aid child absorption. Dr. Yafav Medina works and is a model mother to three youngsters.

The Israel Government's requests were recognized by the International Air Transport Association, he pointed out. Governments frequently make such requests of their national carriers, he said — but unlike those in many countries, Israel's requests adhered to strict criteria and were subject to the supervision of the State Comptroller.

The transportation authorities sent only 285 employees abroad on "GR" vouchers — always in the line of duty. All he said had been approved by the Interministerial Committee for Civil Servants' Travel Abroad.

The spokesman emphasized that GR flights are made on a stand-by basis, i.e., government travellers only occupy seats that were not sold on a given flight.

The criteria, which the spokesman said were recently up-dated by the Transport Minister, allow free vouchers for:

1. Civil servants who are going abroad in the line of duty. Civil servants' travel abroad — for supervision, training, control or planning of Israeli air transport, for air transport negotiations with one or more countries.
2. Those who are going abroad to encourage tourism by air — with the approval of the director-general

ethic differences from the almost heated atmosphere of the airport. Other members of the committee include the former director general of the Finance Ministry, Ya'acov Arnon, and the writer Haim Guri.

Clinic opens in Wadi Joz

A government clinic was opened yesterday in Wadi Joz, East Jerusalem, by Health Minister Yehudi Shavit. It will operate in conjunction with Hadassah Hospital and the government Hospice Hospital.

The clinic offers a number of specialties in addition to general health care, and has a pharmacy, laboratory and X-ray facilities.

THE PILOTS Association drew a strike threat against Arkia and the inland airline's management agreed to a uniform contract for all its pilots.

Chile anti-torture rules 'inadequate'

GENEVA. — The International Commission of Jurists yesterday rejected Chilean President Pinochet's measure to protect prisoners from torture and called for medical checks every 48 hours by doctors chosen by the prisoners themselves.

A statement the commission said it had written to President Pinochet saying that his "new decree laws aimed at protecting suspects from the damage of torture are inadequate."

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הקדמת האוכל

Moscow historian tells Ford: Soviets violate Helsinki pact

JOW. — Historian Andrei Arkh has written to U.S. President Gerald Ford saying Soviet policies were violating agreements made at last summer's Helsinki conference by refusing to let him and his wife go to the dissident sources said yesterday.

Arkh, 37-year-old author of the Soviet Union Survive until 1990, was invited last year to Harvard and George Washington Universities, as well as University of Utrecht in Holland.

His letter to Ford, he said, authorities denied him travel permission on grounds that he had invited abroad by an institution and not an individual. But he obtained individual invitation for himself and his wife, Gynul, authorities refused to grant her visa, he said. They gave no answer for their decision.

Arkh, a prominent critic of Soviet policies, said he had then drawn his own visa application on the grounds that he would be persecuted from his wife.

ews from Arab countries plan formation drive

ews from Islamic countries are to launch an information campaign, in Israel and abroad, recognition of their right to the territory they left in behind in their countries of origin. The announcement was made jointly yesterday by Yusef Al-Azma, Minister of Information in Jordan, and Yusef Al-Azma, Minister of Information in Jordan.

The campaign in Israel will be led by a public assembly held on February 25 at the Aviv Museum, with the participation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Yosef Almoqri. Smaller assemblies, seminars and school discussions will be held during the next weeks.

Al-Azma said a huge assembly planned for New York toward the end of the year. At the assembly on this issue, in Paris November, the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries set up. The group represents 1.75 million Jews, the spokesman said. Some million of them are in Israel, about 600,000 refugees came to Israel in 1948 — the year about 500,000 Arabs left Jewish state. Al-Azma claims that, just as a Palestinian refugees have won recognition in international law, the world organization of Jewish refugees from Arab countries should be represented on the Security Council and other bodies to put forward their claims for regaining rights and lost property. They estimate that property to be four times the value of positions Arabs left behind when they left Israel. (JTA)

'Papa' Ruckenstein gets six years jail

L. AVIV. — Micha "Papa" Ruckenstein, 33, of Bat Yam, who last week reversed his plea and confessed to charges of attempted extortion, was sentenced to six years in prison by the District Court here yesterday. Papa was arrested in a police raid in October, as he met with Bezael Mizrahi to receive money from him. Mizrahi, also a hotel-chain owner, was to pay Ruckenstein in exchange for supposedly eliminating police records and protection for his son from alleged factors. Ruckenstein had posed on the phone as a police officer when he demanded the money. (JTA)

Lebanese peace moves

(Continued from page 1) Haim Khaddam, who mediated the recent cease-fire, held a conference in Beirut yesterday before returning to Damascus to talk with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Sources close to Khaddam said he attempted to make sure Syrian efforts to work out a new formula for Moslem-Christian peaceful coexistence on an equal power-sharing basis. Junblatt on Sunday dismissed the Syrian efforts as "mythology" a few hours after Khaddam declared Lebanese parties involved had accepted the Syrian proposal. Khaddam was due back from Damascus on Monday night after a meeting of Moslem Premier Rashid Karami's cabinet with Christian President Suleiman Franjeh to examine the response of the warring factions to the Syrian proposals. Karami said yesterday that he would visit Syria. The Premier told reporters after a cabinet meeting yesterday that

letter. "As your government, together with other signatories to the agreement, intends to keep watch on how this agreement is observed, I felt obliged to inform you of the above." The sources said a copy of the letter was being sent to the Dutch Prime Minister, Joop den Uyl.

Signatories of the final document of the Helsinki conference agreed to increase contacts and the flow of information between East and West. In a related development, Prof. Benjamin Levich, the highest-ranking Soviet Jewish scientist to apply to go to Israel, yesterday challenged French Communist leader Georges Marchais to back up his claim that "socialism is synonymous with freedom." (Marchais made the statement in a French television interview last month.)

Levich, 58, gave reporters at his

flat here an open letter asking if Marchais felt citizens of a socialist state should be able to choose their country of residence.

Levich estimated more than 3,000 Soviet Jews had been denied visas and said the usual reason was that the applicant had dealt with secret information. But there were no regulations on what constituted secret information, or how long access to it should prevent someone from leaving the country. "So there is wide scope for arbitrariness in the handling of each case," he added.

Levich said in the letter he was first refused a visa four years ago, although his last classified work was in 1950.

In the summer of 1974 the authorities said it had ceased to be classified, but last October the original objection to his leaving was inexplicably revived. (JTA)

Soviets, Arabs complain to Belgium about conference on Soviet Jewry

BRUSSELS. — The Soviet Union and Arab countries have complained to Belgium about a privately organized conference being held here last month to discuss the plight of Soviet Jews, Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday.

They said Israeli Ambassador Ghaib Mukhlis sent a protest note on behalf of all Arab countries denouncing the Congress from February 17-19 as "a hostile act against Arab states that would hurt the just cause of the Palestinians." The officials added that Moscow had addressed a similar note to the Belgian Foreign Ministry. Another separate protest came from Kuwait.

Replying to the protests, Foreign Minister Rikael van Elteren told the Soviet and Arab envoys that the conference — grouping representatives of Jewish communities around the world — was a private affair and had received no formal backing from the Belgian Government.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Belgium "would certainly not oppose Brussels as a venue of meetings in favor of other communities, the Palestinians, for example." "Traditionally the Belgian authorities permit all meetings which do not disturb public order or harm public morals," the spokesman said. (JTA)

Student Union 'adopts' 9 Prisoners of Zion

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The National Student Union yesterday adopted nine Jewish students serving time in Soviet prisons, and issued membership cards in their names. This was done as part of a solidarity day, marked here and on campuses in western Europe, in support of Russian Jewish students jailed because of their desire to come to Israel.

The nine include two of the original "Leningrad Trials" convicts — Yisrael Zelmanson and Yosef Mendelovich, who took part in the attempt to hijack a plane and fly it out of Russia in 1970. Zelmanson is serving eight years at hard labor, and Mendelovich was sentenced to 12 years. Among the nine are four students jailed because they refused to serve in the Red Army — to which they were drafted soon after asking for permits to emigrate to Israel. The four are Alexander Selim, Ya'acov Vinarov, Anatoly Malkin and Alexander Silintzky.

The three remaining students were imprisoned on trumped-up charges resulting from their Zionist activity and applications to go to Israel. Yuri Yudin was jailed in 1970 — for seven years at hard labor — on the charge of engaging in anti-Soviet propaganda. The 23-year-old twins Arkadi and Leonid Weinman are serving four-year terms on artificially concocted charges of hooliganism.

The Student Union, the World Union of Jewish Students and the Public Council for Soviet Jewry plan to establish contact with the nine via letter-writing campaigns, and to start sending them packages. Many major European cities yesterday saw demonstrations on behalf of Soviet Jewry, held in conjunction with the Brussels Conference scheduled to open on February 17. The demonstrations were held on campuses in Brussels, Amsterdam, London, Vienna, Rome, Paris and Geneva. Another protest rally is scheduled for February 15 in Stockholm.

Zionist Organization funding to continue Students who back Palestine state won't be penalized

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The national water company has withdrawn its threat to cut this city's water supply, and will continue to provide water until March 10, to allow the local authorities and Interior to decide how to penalize residents for excessive water use. The announcement came after a meeting Sunday between Mekorot's managing director, Ze'ev Kariv, city executive member David Rosen-Zvi and the city's legal adviser, Mordechai Wisniewsky. Mekorot had threatened to cut off two-thirds of Tel Aviv's water

the student group's funds, which are supplied by the WZO's Youth and Rehazut Department. Klarman argued that it was impossible for a Zionist organization to provide money for a group whose fundamental principles contradict its own positions. Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulzin called the matter serious and supported Klarman's stance on the issue.

At yesterday's session, Almoqri said the Executive "does not identify in any way" with the wording and content of the students' resolution, but will nevertheless not stop its funding. He asked Klarman to withdraw his demand.

Klarman said he would give the Executive chairman his answer at a future meeting. Turning to another matter, Jewish Agency director-general Moshe Rivlin informed the Executive that among the notables who will attend the Second Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry in two weeks will be U.S. Senator Frank Church (Dem., Idaho), British MP Julian Amery and many other European parliamentary leaders. Rivlin disclosed that a number of Arab governments have been pressing the Belgian government not to allow the conference to be held. But the Belgians are not expected to give in to the Arab demands. (See Soviets, this page)

Foreign Ministry clearance now needed for VIPs

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
MINISTERS WHO invite their opposite numbers in foreign countries, to visit Israel will now need the advance approval of the Foreign Ministry — but this does not mean that the Foreign Ministry will foot the bill. That was the essence of a decision taken by the Cabinet on Sunday at the instance of Foreign Minister Yigal Alon (who, as Acting Premier, chaired yesterday's session).

Alon explained that there had been certain "misunderstandings" in the past. He did not elaborate. Some observers thought he may have had in mind, *inter alia*, a visit some months ago of the Austrian Defense Minister, who came primarily to inspect Austrian troops serving with UNDOF. He was the guest of the Defense Ministry. In future, invitations to ministers from overseas, and the planning of their schedules here, must be coordinated with the Foreign Ministry — whose Official Guests Department is in any case always involved in accommodation and guiding visiting VIPs.



The inside of the ransacked safe deposit vault at Barclay's Discount Bank in Ramat Gan.

Bank theft victims to protest losses

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — Individuals whose deposit boxes at Barclay's Discount Bank were robbed over the weekend are organizing to protest the bank's refusal to accept responsibility for their financial losses.

Zvi Abrahami, one of the victims, said yesterday that he was placing an ad in "Ma'ariv" asking other persons who were robbed to attend a meeting, when it would be decided what steps to take. He mentioned the possibility of demonstrations and court action. Two hundred boxes were broken into. Abrahami accused the bank of negligence, saying that if the alarm systems had been working properly, the thieves would have been unable to enter the bank. He further asserted that the bank undertakes to keep the boxes intact, and since the boxes were broken into, and were therefore no longer intact, the bank was liable.

A bank spokesman claimed on Friday that there is no automatic insurance on the boxes and clients rent them without the bank assuming any liability. Abrahami told The Jerusalem Post that the box he had rented contained stamps, jewelry and stocks with a total value of between IL300,000 and IL400,000. Asked if he had insurance on the contents, he answered, "If I had insurance, I would keep my property at home instead of going to the bank."

Because the police have temporarily confiscated all the property found in the safe deposit vault for its investigation, it is not known how much of Abrahami's property, or that of others, was stolen. The thieves were primarily interested in cash; they threw jewelry, precious stones and the rest on the floor, the police said.

The police are refusing to reveal any details of the investigation. It has not been established whether the robbery was carried out with the help of someone inside the bank. One police source also raised a possibility that a safe deposit box client have provided the thieves with the information necessary about the inside of the bank — the location of the vault, the thickness of the walls and interior security measures — simply by renting a box. So far, only 25 individuals have provided information regarding the contents of their boxes. A dilemma facing many is that if they tell precisely what they owned, the police may open criminal files against them: Safe deposit boxes are a preferred way of hiding "black money." Asked if immunity would be granted those who came forward, the police spokesman said that this is undecided.

The bank was closed yesterday as police questioned personnel. supply by February 8 if the city did not pay a debt of IL7.6m. by then. Most of that sum is fines imposed on the city for exceeding its water allotment during the last five years. City spokesman insisted the over-use was caused by the daily influx of workers, students and revelers from nearby satellite towns. Pinhas Bylon, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, said the allotments were "wholly unrealistic" and that the local authorities had never been consulted about them. Moreover, the water company was not authorized to announce that Tel Aviv's supply would be cut to 2,000 cum. per hour. Such a warning should have been handled by the Water Commissioner, he said.

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Israeli hoopsters set to play Barcelona tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Spain's No. 2 basketball squad, Barcelona, arrived here yesterday for the first leg of their Korac Cup match against Tel Aviv Hapoel at the Yad Eliyahu stadium, 8:30 tonight.

The Spaniards will provide the stiffest test yet for the Hapoel hoopsters. Tel Aviv Hapoel showed good form in a National League match Sunday night, when they defeated Jerusalem Betar in the Capital by 105-82 (47-43 at halftime). Mark Torenstein scored 49 points, the highest number for any individual player in a league match this season. Hapoel played a confident game and appear in high spirits, following their 106-75 win over Antibes last week.

Hapoel's opening five will be Torenstein, Wachsman, Leibowitz, Avissar and Nahmias.

Tel Aviv Maccabi continue to set the pace in the league after a 96-75 win over Ramat Gan Maccabi. Tal Brodie scored 28 points in this game. Also among the high scorers was Steve Kaplan, with 39 points for Ramat Gan Hapoel in their 86-82 win over Petah Tikva Hapoel. Boaz Yamaal got 26 points for Gvat.

Dubious honour for Israeli diplomats

NEW YORK. — Israel is included in a list of the 20 most-ticketed diplomatic vehicles in New York City. Israel occupies the 18th and the 20th place on the list for 1974, with 373 tickets accumulated by the car which carries the number 933-DPL, and 361 tickets by car 857-DPL. On top of the list is Uganda, with 1,700 tickets for three cars in use by the mission to the UN. (JTA)

SUICIDE FROM SHALOM TOWER

TEL AVIV. — A resident of Rosh Ha'ayim yesterday jumped to his death from the seventh floor of the Shalom Tower building here. (The tower is more than 30 storeys high.) The man, who was known to have suffered from depression, was killed instantaneously. There is a high fence around the building's observation deck, to prevent such occurrences. (JTA)

Severance pay issue keeps Timna open

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
The Timna copper mines will continue to operate for at least another month, owing to disagreement between management and workers over severance pay, The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

On January 3 the Ministerial Economic Committee decided to close down the unprofitable mines; but the Government reversed itself two days later, after the residents of Eilat protested the closure decision by going out on a general strike. The Timna workers are demanding severance pay at the rate paid to the workers at Abu Rodeis, when the oil fields were returned to the Egyptians. The Abu Rodeis workers were paid a maximum of 350 per cent severance pay (i.e., three and a half months salary for each year of employment). The Government is offering only the standard severance pay of one month per year.

Over 350 job openings in Eilat have already been found for the 700 Timna workers by a team headed by Baruch Haklai, assistant director-general of the Ministry of Labour. But the workers refuse to take them until the severance pay issue is settled.

Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev promised on January 5 that work would continue at the mines until suitable employment in Eilat had been found for the workers.

Last year, when 200 Timna workers were dismissed, they were paid up to 200 per cent severance pay. It appears that the management would settle for the same rate for the workers still employed.

Under a draft pension law prepared by the Ministry of Labour, with Histadrut approval, workers who change their place of work would be guaranteed their accumulated pension rights. The intention is that, once the law is passed, the custom of paying severance pay will be abolished.

Recently a French mine expert visited the mines at the request of Samuel Flatto, the Israeli-French businessman, who is seeking ways of operating the mines profitably. When questioned on the subject two weeks ago, Bar-Lev rated such prospects as low.

The French expert is to return to Israel in the near future to conduct an in-depth study on the potential profitability of the mines.

BUILDER, TEXTILE MEN HELD AFTER TAX RAIDS

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
A Rehovot building contractor and two Tel Aviv textile manufacturers have been arrested following raids conducted yesterday by the tax authorities in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa.

The contractor is suspected of having recorded in his books prices for state he sold that were lower than the actual prices. Recently, the contractor readjusted his income tax declaration, adding IL5,000 to his income. But it was discovered that in one case, at least, he received

IL25,000 more than was recorded in his books.

The textile manufacturers, a father and son, are thought to have sold fictitious bills to one of their suppliers, also a textile firm.

In Jerusalem the tax authorities investigated a well-known wholesaler of washing machines and other electrical appliances. He is suspected of not keeping books and of evading taxes.

In Haifa, a junk dealer who declared an annual income of IL50,000 was found with IL100,000 in cash. Further tax raids are expected in the future.

Tel Aviv says last year's 40% tax hike is enough

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Municipal Council Executive decided yesterday not to go along with the decision of the Union of Local Authorities that local rate should be increased by at least 20 per cent in the fiscal year beginning April 1.

But while being kind to its residents, the municipality will offset some of its revenue loss by hiking the taxes paid by businesses. Business rates will probably rise by as much as 65 per cent in the 1976/77 fiscal year.

STJ, the municipality will lose about IL10m. in the coming fiscal year because of yesterday's decision, which is subject to the approval of the full City Council.

In any case, residents of Tel Aviv will be paying 40 per cent more in

rates (annual), on the average, than they did in the current fiscal year. This is because the 40 per cent increase for 1975/76 was covered by the Government. Now it will have to be borne by the taxpayer.

The Executive contends that hiking rates by as much as 60 per cent in one year would deter young families from settling in the city and would accelerate the exodus of the younger stratum of Tel Aviv's population to the suburbs.

It is still not clear, however, whether the Treasury and the Ministry of Interior will permit other cities to carry out the recommendation of the Union of Local Authorities to raise rates next year by at least 20 per cent, in a year when taxpayers will have to begin the 1975/76 increase as well.

Supplementary budget passes first House reading, 53-31

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset yesterday passed the 1975/76 supplementary budget — IL9,250m. — of the first reading by 53 votes against 31.

The supplementary budget, which for the most part reflects excess spending already carried out, will increase the deficit for the current budgetary year from over IL1,000m. to over IL5,000m. (Part of the supplementary expenditure budget is covered by supplementary revenue.)

Behind the scenes yesterday, at a meeting of Coalition members on the Finance Committee, the Finance Minister and his officials came under

sharp attack for having condoned spending in excess of the current budget, without due authorization.

The committee members asked how this had been permitted, but they did not get convincing replies. They said that when the supplementary budget came to the Finance Committee in a day or two in preparation for its second reading, they would insist on a full explanation.

KFAR BARUCH, a Jezreel Valley moshav, yesterday marked the 50th anniversary of its founding. The official celebrations will be held later.

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Rumsfeld on television 'U.S. funded faction in Angola war'

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld says the U.S. has funnelled money covertly to a faction in the Angolan war.

Asked to comment on reports the U.S. is sending money to England to train troops for Angola, Rumsfeld said "there has been what was once a covert activity on the part of the U.S. involving some funds to provide assistance to an element in the Angolan conflict." He declined to elaborate.

Appearing on a television programme on Sunday, the new American defence chief repeated statements that the Soviet Union and Cuba have put \$3b. in aid into Africa in the past five years.

"The military significance is obvious," he said. "To the extent that the Soviet Union improves its basing and airfields throughout the continent of Africa, it is able to project power to a considerably greater extent in that part of the world than previously."

In London, the U.S. Embassy denied newspaper allegations that it took part in the recruitment of British mercenary soldiers to fight in Angola.

Newspapers said on Sunday the U.S. was financing British mercenaries in Angola and that the operation was being handled by Maj. James B. Leonard, an assistant army attaché at the Embassy.

According to Western diplomatic sources in Lusaka, Zambia, the war in Angola is shaping up into a conflict between Cuban troops and white mercenaries hurriedly recruited by embattled pro-Western allied armies to try to halt a Communist-inspired victory before the end of the month. The civil war will ultimately be decided in battles between these elite forces, the sources said.

In a dispatch from Luanda, the Tass news agency indicated yesterday that the Soviet-backed faction in Angola may be running low on troops. The dispatch quoted a statement by the Marxist MPLA warning that despite past victories, the Angolan struggle is continuing and "enemies are continuing intervention in the north and south." It also said mercenaries are being recruited on behalf of the opposition Unita and FNLA factions. (Reuters, UPI, AP)



This ice and snow replica of the White House is on show at the American plaza at the Sapporo, Japan, snow festival. The sculpture is being displayed at the festival to coincide with America's Bicentennial celebrations. (AP radiophoto)

'K was in on planning of CIA covert activities'

WASHINGTON. — Rep. Otis G. Pike accused the Ford administration yesterday of trying to block the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee's final report partly because it makes officials including Secretary of State Henry Kissinger look bad.

"It's the people who were telling the CIA what to do who are going to look bad," said Pike, the chairman of the committee. "And I think this is one of the reasons they're very anxious to sit on it."

"There's no question in my mind," Pike added later, "that Mr. Kissinger was in on the planning and approval of a great many covert actions." Pike was interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today Show."

Siding with President Ford in a battle over release of secret information in the report, the House ordered the committee by a vote of 246 to 124 to either keep the report secret or get Ford's approval to publicly release it.

The report was filed on Friday with the House clerk, and parliamentarian William Brown said then that no decision would be made on what to do with it until yesterday.

Although Pike specified Kissinger among the people who would look bad in the report, sources say the report does not concentrate blame on him.

Meanwhile, a Vatican spokesman yesterday termed "pure invention" a newspaper report that the CIA contributed \$3m. to the Roman Catholic Church's 1950 Holy Year. The report, in "Stampa Sera" (owned by the Fiat Automobile company) claimed the information came from U.S. Government files. It said the tails of the CIA financing of the 1950 observance will be published in the weekly magazine "Panorama" later this week. (AP)

'Soviets build second base in Somalia'

NEW YORK. — The Soviet Union is building a second military base in Somalia, according to the forthcoming issue of "Newsweek" magazine.

"Newsweek" says it has learned that this second base will be turned over to the Somalis, who, it is assumed, will fly their own Russian Miigs from its airstrip and operate their Soviet-built missile ships from its harbour.

The new base, says the weekly news magazine, is at Kismayu, 96 kms. north of the Kenyan border, and is the second the Soviets have built in Somalia. The first was built at Berbera on the Gulf of Aden.

The turnover of the second base to Somalia, according to "Newsweek," is intended to answer African charges that Russia is using its aid to Somalia to take over the strategic eastern "horn" of Africa. Current Soviet aid to Somalia is \$152m. in military help and \$32m. more in economic assistance, says "Newsweek." (AP)

MAFIA. — Two persons were murdered and two seriously wounded by alleged Mafia killers at the outskirts of the southern Italian city of Reggio Calabria, yesterday.

1.8m. in U.S. want to be mercenaries in Lebanon

SAN DIEGO, California. — The director of El Kamas Enterprises, recruiter of mercenaries to fight in Lebanon, said last week that 1.8 million inquiries have arrived since his work was publicized a month ago.

Since he charges \$25 per application, James Scott said the number of serious applicants has fallen off. At least half were discarded immediately, Scott told the San Diego "Evening Tribune."

Using a hotel room as an office, Scott and Vincent Mansour interviewed men and women on Thursday about potential jobs fighting in Lebanon. Mansour, who said he was West Coast representative of the Phalange Party, claimed the current cease-fire in Lebanon is a deception.

Advertisements had asked for war veterans to operate with Lebanese

Christian Phalange units opposing what Scott said were Soviet-backed Palestinian forces.

"We are outnumbered 100 to 1 by the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Palestine Liberation Army, the militant Lebanese Moslems and at least 10,000 Syrian troops," Mansour said.

The enemy, he said, is being used "by the Soviet Union to expand Russian power in the Middle East."

Among applicants were ex-South Vietnamese military men now living as refugees in San Diego County.

Scott declined to disclose what the pay would be. Besides the \$25 charge for processing an application, a fee was being charged for notarizing statements in the applications. He also said travel and combat expenses and "liberal hospitality" would be provided those hired. (AP)

2,000 held in southern state Opposition walks out of Indian parliament

NEW DELHI. — Shouting "shame, shame," opposition members of India's parliament staged brief walk-outs yesterday to protest the government takeover of a southern state and the arrests of nearly 2,000 political opponents.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government imposed presidential rule on the state of Tamil Nadu on Saturday night and disbanded the Dravidian Welfare Association party government on charges of failing to obey federal decrees under the seven-month-old national state of emergency.

An opposition source said nearly 2,000 political opponents of Mrs. Gandhi's government were arrested in the state. He said all those arrested were DMK party workers and that other party members went underground to escape arrest.

In parliament leaders of several parties opposed to Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress party denounced the action against the Tamil Nadu government and with shouts of "shame, shame," walked out of the assembly later in the day.

Informed official sources said today establishment of a committee to investigate charges of corruption on the part of DMK officials in Tamil Nadu.

In Madras, the state's chief minister charged his government had been dissolved illegally, and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, trying to extend the influence of Congress party.

Chief Minister Muthuvelu Pillai also said the takeover was signed to clear the way for growth in the state of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress party, which held seven of the 235 seats in the assembly before it was dissolved.

"The DMK is a great strength block for the congress growth party has no base here. If it grows, our party has to go on government and with shouts of 'shame, shame,' walked out of the assembly later in the day. (UPI, Reuters)

Mao spent hours at Chou's death bed

PEKING. — Despite his frailty and old age, Chairman Mao Tse-tung spent hours at the hospital bedside of the dying Chou En-lai last month, Western diplomats here have been told.

A Chinese official gave the diplomat the most detailed description yet leaked to the outside world of the 78-year-old Premier's final weeks.

From the account it appeared that 82-year-old Mao paid special regard to his own health to be with Chou during the last days of his long battle against cancer.

The official said Mao was at the hospital bedside until half-an-hour before Chou died on the morning of January 8. Doctors persuaded him to leave when they saw the end was near.

Mao, who has not appeared in public for nearly five years, was also said by the Chinese official to have made other visits to Chou.

During the early stages of illness, the Premier was treated by a specially-equipped residence in Chungnanhai, the western part of the Forbidden City, where he continued to receive foreign visitors. "I shall soon be seeing Marx," Chou told one of his visitors. Later he was moved short distance to the Peking hotel where he died, the official said.

During his last weeks, Chou was called out for old colleagues who were rushed to his room; then was Chou Teh, the wife of "father of the Red Army," the official said.

But the last to see him was his comrade for more than 40 years in a partnership that shaped the face of China. (AP)

A GLANCE AT THE WORLD

25 killed in Philippine ambush

MANILA. — Muslim attackers on Sunday killed 25 persons wounded at least 30 others in an ambush of a provincial bus on the border between Zamboanga City and Zamboanga del Sur province in southwest Mindanao, military authorities said yesterday.

An armed forces spokesman said 23 persons were shot dead at an ambush scene 83 kms. north of Zamboanga City, about 800 kms. west of Manila. Three others died in a hospital here.

A survivor, Avelino Gedquino, said about 25 men armed with automatic weapons and speaking Tausog, the language of the predominantly Muslim Sulu Islands to the south, attacked the bus as it was travelling to Ipi.

UN c'ttee to meet on areas

GENEVA. — The UN Commission on Human Rights yesterday held its 32nd session, to last five weeks and centring on alleged violations in Chile, Southern Africa and Arab territories held by Israel.

The 32-nation commission accorded priority to the question of Israeli-administered territory and to reports of "racism and of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" in Chile.

While a special working group was unable to make on-the-spot investigations in Chile, it collected oral and written evidence which will be discussed by the commission.

Israel has refused permission to another special committee to visit the areas. It said committee members were from countries with diplomatic relations with Israel and that the resolution by which the group was established stated in advance that Israel was guilty of human rights violations.

Israel is providing the commission with evidence that persons in territories are better off than before, with unemployment reduced to zero and private income almost double. (AP)

Brezhnev marking time

NEW YORK. — Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev made off with the wristwatch of an American diplomat yesterday, according to State Henry Kissinger's spokesman, "Time" magazine wrote on Sunday.

The magazine said, "During the most recent Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in Moscow, Brezhnev took a fancy to the expensive Omega wristwatch worn by State Department Counsellor Hans Sonnenfeldt. Brezhnev asked for it, offering in exchange a Russian pocket watch."

Brezhnev took the watch despite Sonnenfeldt's protest that it was a present from his mother-in-law. Brezhnev offered to return it to him "when there is a final SALT agreement," "Time" said. (AP)

Japan lends Egypt \$24m.

TOKYO. — Egypt yesterday borrowed 7,500m. yen (about \$50m) from Japan to buy industrial plants and materials, it was announced here.

The loan is the second commodity credit Japan has agreed to extend to the Egyptian central bank to help Egypt improve its international payments position.

The first 7,500m. yen commodity credit was extended in 1974. The money is to be repaid over 25 years, including a seven-year grace period, at interest of 3.5 per cent a year. (Reuters)

The gift of death

TOULOUSE. — A 77-year-old man went to the medical school of Toulouse University on Sunday and exhibited a card showing that he had given his body for scientific use after his death.

He told a guard, "at my age I have nothing to look forward to. I came here to die and my body will be immediately available."

The man then went a few paces away, pulled out a gun and shot himself before anyone could intervene. (AP)

JUST HOW LONG DO MILK PRODUCTS STAND IN THE SHOP REFRIGERATOR?

A day, two days, a week? This question has always bothered the customer coming to buy milk products. For about a year now, the Ministry of Health has required food manufacturers to mark packaging with the marketing date.

As a food manufacturer, Tnuva does of course fulfil this obligation. The place of marking differs between different products:

Raz, Eshel, Gil, Shamenet, Yogurt — are marked on the lid. The cheeses Savyon, White Lean (Lavana Kehusha), White Fat (Lavana Shmeina), the various types of Prigurt, Prili — on the bottom of the carton.

Milk — on the bag, and Revion — on the carton.

Customers ask Tnuva many questions on this subject. Some people are surprised that Tnuva finds it difficult to observe this regulation, and is even sometimes prosecuted by the Food Service.

To make the situation clear, we set out a few relevant facts:

- * The actual marking does not improve the quality of a fresh product, and the only object of the marking is to indicate the latest date on which it can be sold by the shop. The quality of the fresh product is dependent on the conditions under which it is kept during distribution, and in the shop.
 - * At any one time, Tnuva operates 75 packing machines at dairies in the various cities, and two and sometimes three shifts are worked.
 - * The machines are between 5 and 12 years old.
 - * Some of the machines were bought in Europe at a time when the obligation to mark the date had not been introduced, and we were therefore subsequently forced to modify these machines. The improvised arrangement does not always perform as it should.
 - * All new equipment is fitted with reliable devices for printing the date.
 - * Every year, Tnuva dairies produce nearly one thousand million packaged items.
- So much for the facts.

If you consider these facts carefully, you will certainly agree that even a company with absolutely no objection to marking the date would find it difficult to achieve 100% accuracy in carrying out this obligation. We have to contend with the enormous quantities, the fact that some of the packaging material is wet and does not absorb the marking, that the mechanical equipment is complex and liable to break down, that the operator will not always notice a breakdown immediately, etc. etc.

And sometimes it happens that, during production, a marking device breaks down, and the production manager is faced with a dilemma: to stop the machine and cause a shortage of the product concerned, or to continue and risk a prosecution. There is no unambiguous solution to this problem; it is difficult to decide which situation is more serious for the customer — the supply of a product without date mark, or the nonsupply of the product.

Perhaps someone wants to ask — why don't we replace all our old equipment with new? Our answer is that we cannot justify the scrapping of dozens of machines that still work well, which cost tens of millions of pounds in foreign currency, and their replacement by new machines that would cost tens of millions of dollars. In the present financial situation of the country and of Tnuva, such an investment can only be described as fantastic.

We are not suggesting that any official body is interested in prosecuting us without due consideration. And it is not our intention to propose that laws and regulations be disregarded. However, some solution to the problem must be found — a solution that will take into account all aspects of the problem — the state of the equipment, the human factor, the percentage of infringements and absolutely last of all, the consumer's essential interests.

The alternative is to ignore these factors completely and to make prosecutions wholesale, which must result in "throwing away the baby with the bathwater."

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YOUNG DIRECTOR'S METEORIC RISE 'Dream' in a garden

THEATRE / Catherine Rosenheimer

TEAD OF "Athens and a wood far from it" read "Tel Aviv and a den in the midst of it." For director Omri Nitzan's forthcoming production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for Habima is to be held in Gan Yaacov, the little escaped garden sandwiched between the National Theatre and Mann Auditorium, a small oasis in the midst of Tel Aviv's concrete jungle.

Nitzan, at 25 the youngest of drama's new permanent trio of actors, looks every inch the intense, bearded, bespectacled intellectual. His quiet manner of speaking and slight initial shyness, misleading. His ideas are very clear, very confidently voiced; in rehearsal, he is a dynamic, permanent director.

Nitzan is currently working on a play by a young Israeli playwright: Hillel Mittelpunkt's "The Roof," which he describes as psychological drama concerned with the everyday, typical but not universal problems of people in Tel Aviv — the sort of people who live in flats of little Tel Aviv with their own floor tiles and decrepit roll-up shutters, who speak a Yiddish-Hebrew.

Four plays make up a very ed repertoire for the work of one year, ranging as they do from Shalom Aleichem to Shakespeare.

NITZAN BELIEVES that there are many openings for young talent in Israeli theatre, and no lack of encouragement for young actors. road there are impregnable academic unions and a "system" whereby unless an actor goes through "fringe" theatre and rehearsal, there is no chance of his making an entry into a very closed world. Just how easy it is to earn a living as an actor is perhaps questionable: Nitzan's own experience is somewhat out of the ordinary. At the age of 15, he was already part of a troupe made up of his from various Tel Aviv high schools. This involvement lasted six years. Michal Guvrin, who was a member, is now directing in France. Ilana Enovsky, another member, now acts with the Habima Theatre. By the time Nitzan had completed his service with the Central Command Army Entertainment troupe, had already had several offers on professional theatres.

Portrait of Lewis Sowden by V.A.
In the mid-sixties, after 30 years of working life as novelist, poet, playwright and journalist in the English language, in the final poem in a collection of verse entitled "The Jaffa Road," when wrote: "They chided me my lack of Holy Tongue. As if a Jew was necessarily born With Hebrew conjugations in his mouth And tribal memory of Semitic verbs.

Women's studies at Beersheba

A CENTRE for study and research into the status of women is to be set up at the Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, as the 50th anniversary present of Moetzel Hapoolot to its overseas organization, the Pioneer Women movement in the United States and Canada.

In announcing the gift last week, Moetzel Hapoolot pointed out the need for research in this field in view of the existing inequality between the sexes in family and society. Cooperation between the Neger University and Moetzel Hapoolot befits the pioneering and forward-looking character of both institutions.

The Centre, to be headed by Dr. Dorit Padan-Elsamir, will form part of the University's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS / Joanna Yehiel Swapping to fill out a meagre wardrobe

NO ONE in this country this year should be spending much money on clothes. (If you do shop at expensive boutiques remember to cut the labels out, otherwise you'll feel guilty — or you should do.) Yet you can't be expected to go on wearing the same sweater-skirt-blouse-jeans in various combinations for ever. It's bad for morale and for the clothes themselves: they eventually get threadbare. The cheapest answer is a swap.

Make a date with four friends (best number, otherwise it turns into a riot). Warn them in advance to look out for all the clothes they never want to see again. Clear out one room, except for a mirror, put all the clothes in one pile — and grab.

No direct swaps, no money exchanged, don't look if one girl grabs sight of your things, and there's

nothing of hers you like in exchange. The idea is as much to rid yourself of unwanted clothes as to get new things. And you have four instant critics to tell you if something looks good on you. Not only that, there's no saleswoman to persuade you a dress will fit if you lose five kilo (you never will) or that it's really cheap if you look at it as an investment. Buying anything, except perhaps land, gold and diamonds, is never an investment, it's just spending money.

And, most important of all — you find things you'd never think of buying that look good on you. For instance, you'd never choose an orange skirt — well, here it is for free, so why not? Surprise, surprise, it looks great, especially with that green striped sweater that you'd never have picked out in a shop.

Let me list what I got out of last week's swap — five sweaters, one shirt so low cut, I'd never think of pulling it off a shop rack, in bright purple velvet. Not me at all. But perhaps, for that party when I feel I have nothing at all to wear... Two mid-length skirts, from the last time it was in fashion, straight as a dart, which no one else feels is fashionable, they're all still in the slightly flared look, and I'd not yet got up the courage to go out and buy. Three new lipsticks (yes, cosmetics too, why not?) Two pairs of shoes — my size, what luck.

And I got rid of — three blonde wigs (did I really wear them?), two winter coats, too short for me, but mid-length for my pint-sized girl friends, and a mixed bag of old scarves, hats, shirts (two of my husband's).

LONDON. — Current high prices for straw prompted a British firm to look for a substitute animal bedding material. What the firm came up with is a new use for old newspapers.

The papers are shredded, baled in polythene, and marketed under the trade name Shredabed. The company claims the material is better than straw in almost every respect — cleaner, warmer, more hygienic, freer from parasites and easier to store and handle. British breeders have already found it effective in cutting the mortality rate among poultry, especially turkeys, and even in curing horses of respiratory problems believed caused by the dust and pollen in straw.

The idea of putting animals on old

This little pig went to sleep on a hotbed of news

By DEREK LYONS

newspapers is not original. But the discovery that shredded newspapers are more suitable for the job than folded ones was a breakthrough. Shredded papers offer no flat surface areas so they do not shed their print like an ordinary folded newspaper does. Farmers and stud owners have found that white or grey animals stay cleaner when bedded down on Shredabed than they did when they lay on straw. The shredded newspaper also needs changing less often.

Surprisingly, the animals too seem to prefer the paper to straw. It is softer, more absorbent, and

warmer. Moreover when they are finished with it, the shredded paper rots down as well, if not better, than straw in neat, easily maintained dungheaps. The end product is a viable dust-like fertiliser now being marketed under the trade name, Roganic.

Manufacturers of office shredding machines in Britain and elsewhere have been delighted to find this new

outlet for their otherwise limited sales potential. Several have been advertising in farming publications, suggesting that farmers shred their own newspapers instead of buying them baled.

One danger is that only newspapers printed with non-toxic inks are suitable for the purpose. Newspaper colour supplements, magazines, paper sacks and other waste are seldom safe to use and could well be dangerous. Even the staples that hold magazine pages together are a hazard. Many animals tend to nibble their bedding. But not all types of newspaper are

toxic and experiments have been carried out to convert newsprint into a basic animal foodstuff. Cows especially need roughage and this is normally provided by grass, hay or straw. Some farm research centres have been processing newspapers which consist of cellulose. This, reinforced with protein additives, has been fed to cows experimentally with apparent success.

In industrial or small countries, farming is becoming increasingly artificial in its methods and in its efforts to increase productivity. In this context then, it is perhaps less of a surprise to find such a typical product of the city as newsprint finding new uses in animal husbandry. (Gemini)

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By FAY DOBON

So when they from their Hebrew in my face
I feel a second exile twice as sore,
But ready to accept it, twice as sweet.
In a far land I learned the songs of Zion...

They urged me — Take up teaching! There's demand
For English here. — But not so fast! It seems
For teaching English in a foreign school
You have to be a foreigner trained abroad
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And so from drag and drifting I embraced
The old profession of a dragoman,
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Translating from the Russian?...
Oh dear, no!
From Russian English into English Eng....

There must be many readers who will feel sympathy with Sowden in his bitterness, gently ironic though his phrasing.

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Ford's budget a boon for Europe

WASHINGTON. —

THE INTENSELY conservative Budget which President Ford has just sent to Congress offers little consolation to America's poor and unemployed. It proposed a tight expenditure ceiling, tax and public spending cuts though more money for defence. But for Britain and the rest of Europe the Budget is as encouraging as could be expected. Moreover, it may also make

By PAUL LEWIS

Kingdom. This is not a phenomenal benefit. But it is certain and probably conservative. With the President expecting unemployment to remain at 7.7 per cent this year, only falling 6.9 per cent in 1977, Congress is sure to keep economic policy expansionary.

past would not be felt until 1977 now that the fiscal year starts in October instead of July. The Administration remains fundamentally anti-Keynesian in its belief that the best way to boost private demand and investment is cutting government spending and taxes, not the reverse. But Congress and the pressure of the election will probably keep government policy more expansionary and prevent the theory from being fully tested.

It was also announced that the Federal Reserve will frustrate the upturn in the name of price stability. It almost lost its cherished independence to Congress last year and the heat will really be on if it is caught tampering with the recovery in election year. Moreover, its monetary policy has been so restrictive or late that Dr. Arthur Burns, the Chairman, can now safely let the money supply expand by 10 per cent annually over the next eight months and still meet his 5 to 7.5 per cent growth target. If inflation exceeds the 5.9 per cent budget forecast as a result, European exports just become more competitive in the American market.

In political terms the President is in a very tight spot. He has

But is America going isolationist as a result of the recession and disillusion with its world role born of Watergate and Vietnam? The economic evidence has certainly been discouraging with a notable rise in protectionist sentiment among American businessmen. But this partly reflects the recession, while once the current round of trade liberalizing talks in Geneva are moving more rapidly the Administration will find it easier to resist pressures for unilateral action and take up complaints with its partners in the talks.

Where defence is concerned, the President's Budget proposals are unequival with their call for higher spending — outlays cross the magic

on the side of deflation. He was disappointed by the extent of the downturn last year. But he should be reasonably satisfied with the international implications of President Ford's Budget, whatever his views about its social philosophy.

The rough rule of thumb is that a 1 per cent rise in America's gross national product adds between a fifth and a tenth of 1 per cent to Britain's output, through increased demand for exports. So the 6.2 per cent real increase the President is budgeting for this year means a near budgetary 1 per cent for the United

he has proposed. Initially, his conservative strategy strengthens him against a right-wing challenge for the Republican nomination by former California Governor Ronald Reagan. But Congress throws out his Budget proposals in favour of a more expansionary economic track later in the campaign, the President will have everything to gain by going along with its wishes.

While this year's recovery seems assured, there are uncertainties about the longer term outlook under the new Budget since its full im-

and their strong commitment to NATO. This is clearly intended as a signal to friend and foe alike that the U.S. has not lost confidence in itself, or its traditional global role.

A basically hostile Congress is trying for the first time to exercise control over public spending through its new budgetary review mechanism. The real danger is not that President Ford will abandon America's global role, but that his too strident defence of it will provoke an isolationist reply from his political opponents in the Congress.

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What U.S. economists don't know

What U.S. economists dont know

WASHINGTON.—
MODEST DISCLAIMERS about the continuing prospect for rise in raw materials and wages dur-

WASHINGTON.—
MODEST DISCLAIMERS about
"the difficulties in forecasting" and
"the great deal we have to learn"
distinguish this year's report by
President Ford's economic advisers.
Suspiciously so. For in fact the
economists at least know what they
do not know.

They can't know how to arrest
the high and stubborn inflation with-
out clobbering economic activity,
especially jobs, to the point where
a new stimulus at the risk of
more inflation is required. So the
true challenge — the challenge
which the Ford Administration
lacks behind the big leaf of in-
sufficient information — is to find
new techniques for softening the
harsh choice between inflation and

By JOSEPH KRAFT

came close to 20 per cent inflation
in both years, and Britain and Italy
were over 20 per cent in 1974.

In restraining this inflation, all
the advanced countries followed the
traditional recipe of trying to cur-
tail general demand for goods by
higher interest rates and smaller
government outlays. But cutting
demand had an impact less ef-
fective than expected on prices
which had been pushed up not by
consumer purchases so much as by
international grain shortages and
the international oil cartel.

As a result the dip in inflation,
while general, has been to levels

the continuing prospect for rises
in raw materials and wages dur-
ing the coming year.

But even to achieve those un-
satisfactory cuts in inflation, the
social cost paid was terrific. Japan
and Germany experienced their first
pronounced drops in the postwar
period and are now only starting
to make a comeback after the shock
of the U.S. underwent its worst recession
since the war — with unemployment
rising to 9.2 per cent and pro-
duction facilities used at less
than 75 per cent.

Continuing the same line of po-
licy will have equally bad results.
Though the recession has been
turned around in the U.S., unem-
ployment is due to stay high for
years to come — 8.5 per cent this

bankers and experts for January's performance on the exchange are falling interest rates and better than expected company profits.

Wall Street is regarded as an important indication of America's economic future because this is where the sagas can, and do, show their confidence by investing.

January seems too indicate that those with money to invest believe that the U.S. is in for a period of steady, if undramatic, recovery — and especially in an election year.

One super-optimist, Canadian economist J. Anthony Bloech, editor of the Montreal-based "Bank Credit Analyst," predicted that the Dow Jones industrial average would hit an unprecedented 2,500 "in the next

Many professional observers have predicted that a dip in prices — what they call a "correction" — is overdue. But they also forecast this late last year.

In any case, even the pessimists profess to believe that any decline will be temporary, and will not alter the fundamental current enthusiasm of investors.

Another group that professes to see dark clouds overhead, if not on the horizon, is the Democratic Party. The Democrats declared last year that the economy would be a major campaign issue in their efforts to capture the White House next November.

In response to this, Republican supporters and publications say that while millions of Americans may

New techniques are needed because the general economic con-

Unemployment. New techniques are needed to deal with general economic conditions of the advanced industrial countries are novel. Up until 1968, except during periods of war, the advanced industrial countries experienced only slight and temporary inflationary pressures. Between 1968 and 1980, for example, the rise in the consumer price index of the three major economies of the industrial world was far higher than the tolerable or customary rate in the United States. Government policy can and grain actually worked to push up prices — the drop was to 7 per cent for last year. The estimate for next year and the year after is 6 per cent — a figure that seems unrealistically low, given level and dropping slowly until dips below 5 per cent only in 1980. However, it is no magic that efforts to stimulate it by government action are — not wrongly — sidestepped, because they might set off a new inflationary spiral beginning at the present 7 per cent level.

Industrialized world — the U.S., West Germany and Japan — never ex-

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through the roof. In the U.S., the increase was 12.6 per cent in 1973 and 11.6 per cent in 1974. Except for West Germany (where prices rose over 8 per cent in 1973 and over 7 per cent in 1974) other countries did much worse. Japan

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THE VISIT

THE OFFICIAL PART of Prime Minister Rabin's visit to the U.S. is now over. The impression gained from the published reports is that little has changed in the relations between Washington and Jerusalem, save a greater mutual readiness to bring out the shared common purposes — continued tranquillity and progress towards peace — and to mute differences about ways of achieving them.

Momentum remains the watchword, especially in Washington. But there is considerable uncertainty as to the options which might help the parties break out of the present stalemate.

Both the U.S. and Israel agree that an attempt should be made to reconvene the Geneva peace talks, under the original letter of invitation. This would seem acceptable as well to Egypt and Jordan, who took part in the first session of the conference in December 1973. But the road to Geneva is blocked by the Soviet Union's insistence, as a co-sponsor, that the PLO, too, be invited.

By thus taking upon itself the onus for torpedoing any prospect of overall peace discussions the Soviet Union would, of course, be helping Syria to get off the Geneva hook. For Damascus has never really had the slightest interest in any talks with Israel, either on ultimate peace or interim agreement. The return of territory in the Golan Heights is all that the Syrians have been concerned with. But the Golan, unlike Sinai, offers little scope for exercises in withdrawal which are not purely "cosmetic" in nature or closely tied with major shifts in Syrian policy.

So far, Syria has scorned even the mild non-belligerence formula embodied in the accord signed by Egypt and Israel last September. Nothing surely could be farther from Syria's mind now than the fully fledged non-belligerence envisioned back in the 1949 armistice agreement. In these conditions, the best that both Israel and the U.S. can do to preserve quiet on the northern border — and on this they now appear to agree — is to refuse to be cowed by Syrian periodic muscle-flexing demonstrations.

The U.S., however, is also reported to believe that the threat in the north could be minimized by neutralizing the eastern front. The offer of a large enough chunk of the West Bank to Jordan, it is argued, would not only draw Hussein away from Syria but would also help undercut the PLO among the Palestinians, and reduce pressures for the establishment of a "third state."

Such a move by Israel would presumably satisfy President Ford's need for evidence of a Middle East momentum, but it could not be made without a prior election to the Knesset. And there is grave doubt that the political concession which Jordan might be prepared to render in an interim agreement, at this time, would be worth the Israeli effort.

In any case, it is over Jordan that Israeli-American disagreements are most likely to erupt. The hope is that such disagreements may be kept at a low key, until they can perhaps be straightened out — after the November elections. But with the enormous fresh leverage the U.S. has obtained over Israel, in the form of arms and aid, even this cannot be taken for granted. The half-a-billion dollar cut in U.S. grants for 1977, which Mr. Rabin thinks will eventually be restored, may prove far costlier to Israel than mere figures suggest.

This being so, it is little short of incredible that the Prime Minister should have chosen to use a background briefing for Israeli correspondents in Washington last week to assail as "exaggerated" Israel's arms requests to the U.S. Concealed under the obvious guise of "a senior source in Mr. Rabin's party," the Prime Minister embarrassed himself and his government in the U.S. — by leaking most confidential information and criticizing his colleague, the Minister of Defence, behind his back. The internal consensus of the Labour Party depends on mutual confidence between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres, and such lapses as Mr. Rabin's can only breed disarray in the party.

The only charitable explanation for Mr. Rabin's action is that it was done in a fit of absence of mind or as a consequence of a wearying schedule. But these are weaknesses which a Prime Minister is not permitted to exhibit.

VIEWPOINTS



The King George, left, and Ben Yehuda arms of Jerusalem's central triangle which includes Jaffa Road. The Mamashbir department store is at the lower left. (W. Braun)

Forgetting about the town centre

Criticism of the Mamilla proposal, voiced in an article in the POST last month by Eliezer Brutzkus, is expanded here by planner Max Blankstein who analyzes its likely impact on downtown Jerusalem.

CONTOVERSY over the proposed Mamilla plan has ignored the effect which the project would have on the Ben Yehuda — King George — Jaffa triangle in the downtown Jerusalem shopping centre.

A shopping area should never be more than 400 metres in length, and preferably less than 300 metres, this being the maximum area a normal shopper is willing to cover on foot. Its quality is measured by the choice of merchandise available in a concentrated area. The larger the number of shops, the greater the attractiveness of the centre.

When a shopping area extends over 400 metres it tends to repeat itself forming separate shopping areas which compete with each other. Department stores are important: Jerusalem's Mamashbir is equivalent to more than 100 average shops and, with an area of about 5,000 square metres, is considered a small department store. European cities of a similar size often have department stores three to five times larger especially in those with a strong downtown centre.

By allowing a department store to go up in Mamilla instead of encouraging a "triangle" location, the city is weakening the downtown shopping complex as an effective competitor to a suburban centre such as that proposed for Malcha in the south.

A suburban centre would naturally include a department store at least as large as Mamashbir; together with easy access and ample free parking it would draw clientele away from a declining city centre.

If Jerusalem wants to continue promoting a strong downtown area, a department store should be encouraged to locate within 300 metres of the Mamashbir store, not 1,000 metres away in Mamilla.

ANOTHER QUESTIONABLE feature of the Mamilla plan is the location of office buildings in Mamilla. Jerusalem's office demand comes primarily from Government Ministries which are ultimately to be located in Givat Ram. Three large office buildings are under construction in the downtown area: Clal, Beit Midot, and Gad Building on Rehov Hillel. Two more projects are in the preconstruction stage at the sites of the old Zion and Rex cinemas.

Space in these buildings is still mostly unsold and when government offices move to Givat Ram much of it may become redundant. Offices as well as shops benefit from concentration in one area, allowing businessmen to communicate easily and to benefit from the higher quality in services which a large concentration can support. Tel Aviv's financial district is concentrated in an area 400 metres in diameter.

Mamilla would best serve the city by becoming a much needed centre for tourists, who often complain of the lack of shopping facilities geared to their needs and entertainment. The city's hotels are dispersed and Jerusalem has not yet developed a tourist entertainment and shopping centre of the kind that has emerged in most cities that attract a large number of visitors.

Hotels, Restaurants and Quality House have failed to date to attract tourist traffic because they are too small and offer too few shops to warrant more than a passing stop.

Those places which have concentrated tourist facilities find that tourist spending is substantially increased because of the opportunity which has been created to spend. Kikar Atarim in Tel Aviv is an example of an attempt to develop such a centre.

Reform of the wage structure demands, first of all, the elimination of the inequitable system of wage differentials writes S.S. Assaf.

Wage differentials are unjust

THE DISTORTED wage structure engrained in Israel's economy should be one of the first casualties as the government, Histadrut and the employers get down to hard bargaining on policy for the difficult year ahead. A change in the wage system, discarding the links between occupations lacking any economic relationship, could go a long way in achieving two basic aims of the negotiations: increased productivity and social justice.

The wage differentials in Israel are neither just, logical nor consistent. Skills, responsibility, seniority, need and inconvenience all serve as arguments for wage increases. The differentials are the product of continuous adaptations, some made secretly; most are pragmatic accommodations of a system whose general equity has never been tested.

World prices of fuel, raw materials and food are steadily on the rise. Under these conditions, a wage restraint policy must be directed toward a real reduction of living standards. While attempts to curb wage increases have been made before, during periods of growth and affluence they have always failed.

The labour sector demands wage increases to limit the impact of rising prices, but these increases themselves contribute to the rise in prices. The cost-of-living allowance, which automatically adapts wages to the price index, is an attempt to control this cycle and keep the increase within reasonable bounds.

But along with the C-o-L allowance, complex adaptations of wage differentials occur between sectors and within professions. An increase in one profession disturbs the equilibrium in wage differentials and triggers further adaptations,

which result, inevitably, in a higher wage structure. Every attempt to change the wage differentials between occupations has always brought about a chain of wage increases, with the differentials remaining the same in the end. The wage structure should strive towards an equilibrium which enables changes in wages to reflect increased productivity. But the partners to the making of our wage policy cannot escape the problem of social justice implicit in the equilibrium they seek. Will the wage freeze be imposed on low level workers for increased productivity in all branches or in production for export only? The wage negotiators must resolve the conflict between political honesty, which demands applying restraints on all employees and the economic necessity to encourage productivity and transfer workers to certain industries.

Dr. Zvi Sussman of the Bank of Israel, writing in the "Economic Quarterly, 1974," reported that this conflict leads to many exceptions in salary rises. In direct contradiction to the announced policy of wage restraint, the policy is not implemented consistently and is necessarily a failure. The search for a new and just wage structure should therefore start with a bold decision to abandon the traditional wage differential system.

The ideal wage system should represent a sensitive mechanism of incentives that constantly adapts supply to demand. But the price of labour is not determined by supply and demand only: unions and professional associations, plus minimum wage agreements, assure that the price of labour does not go

down. Instead, the adaptation made in rates of employment, demand decreases, more workers are unemployed, shifts are made and immigration declines. The demand is high, these trends are made, and irreversibly made to reduce dependency on power, after which higher wages paid to the remaining workers.

While distribution of changes along with the social structure stands firm. A restraint policy that dictates rate of increase for all would be a distorted wage structure. This distorted wage structure would have to accept the thesis that the value of work, nature of work hazards and technologies which affect the convenience of occupations, change from time to time. Wages reflect these changes.

A new wage structure strives to increase exports at the same time, is socially just, have to supply economic means to attract workers to export and increase their productivity. It would also have to recognize some persons contribute more others by their skills, and compensate workers for odd working hours and difficulties.

A start at abolishing the wage differentials could be reducing the number of reassigning different jobs and relative position in the wage scale, and increasing the wages while reducing the wage elastic and complex; but must it must be just.

READERS' LETTERS

IN DEFENCE OF EGGED DRIVERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — More than any other paper, you excel in spilling venom on Egged and spreading hate against their members. No wonder that your reader, Rolf M. Kneller (January 28), recalls the heroism of Egged drivers in the past, but has no good opinion of them now.

Mr. Kneller has obviously never read that Egged drivers were among the first to rush our soldiers to the front in their buses. He has never seen photos of Egged buses on the battlefield with guns on their roofs. Many Egged drivers not on active duty were killed or wounded whilst performing their duty courageously in Israel's wars.

Unfriendly and uncourteous behaviour of some Egged drivers is certainly to be condemned. However it should be remembered that, because of this country's special problems, Israel's public manners in general are not the best. Manoeuvring big buses in the chaotic conditions prevailing on Israel's roads and highways is certainly a factor which contributes to the mood of a driver.

Despite the hate campaign against Egged, I am proud to be a former member of this company. GERSHON KOHN Holon, January 29.

NATIONALIZE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — There is no justification for such an important sector of our economy as public transport to be the virtual monopoly of a private company working for large profits at the expense of the state.

Like the railway, bus service must be owned by the public, that is the State. That is the only way out of the Egged mess. SHALOM ZAMIR Moshav Amirim, January 22.

THE ARAB MINORITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Why must Dr. Goell (January 22) demand of the State of Israel and its Jewish majority a much higher level of morality towards its resident Arab minority than is normally humanly possible? Minorities everywhere are a priori at a disadvantage. In Israel, our Arab minority has the highest literacy, lowest infant mortality and highest per capita income rates of any Arab population in the world. Israel need apologize to no one, including ourselves, for the Arab condition in Israel.

Through all of history and particularly in modern times, there have been exchanges of population. Our fellow Arab Israeli citizens who cannot adjust to being a minority here can take their skills and ambitions to neighbouring countries. Indeed, many important posts in Arab countries are filled today by ex-Israeli Arabs, pursuing their careers in their chosen profession as part of the majority. MARTIN SILVER Haifa, January 23.

REFRESHMENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would like to suggest readers with the following story in Netanya, on the road to there is a refreshment stand, three shifts of volunteers work there a week from early morning till late in the evening making hundreds of our soldiers hot cakes, juice and sandwiches, charge.

Your readers could lend a hand by making monetary tributions and thus show the appreciation for all that our soldiers sacrifice for the welfare of our country. Such donations would be tremendously in our efforts to make this worthwhile endeavor.

For further information, get in touch with the managing Krieger, (053-31477), or Sonya Edelman (053-22842) who is glad to give you more details. Please make your contribution payable to "The Privilege is to send it to the Four Seasons Hotel, Netanya. MOLLY KEIR Netanya, January 19.

SENATOR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May I point out that Sen. Frank Church is not the Democratic Senator for Iowa, as reported in issue of January 13, but the State of Idaho and is a dark candidate for Vice President of U.S. in the coming November elections. HELMUT ROSENBERG Tivon, January 20.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

IT IS A RELIEF to be able to report a story about an honest man.

A Jerusalem lawyer who handles German restitution matters wrote a note to a client. It read in part: "...you paid me IL20 for notarisation of your papers and for postage; since my fee and expenses only came to IL17.40, I owe you IL2.60, which I enclose in the form of postage stamps."

IL2.60 is a small amount, perhaps, but significant in terms of professional ethics and that elusive concept, "quality of life." E.M.

THE FURORE aroused by the suggestion that some of us may have to furnish in-depth details about our way of life and standard of living to the income tax people made us remember what happened in Brazil some years ago when Inland Revenue got going there on the American model. Members of the jet set who used to love seeing a note in the papers announcing their forthcoming journeys abroad began to ring up the editors and beg that no mention be made of their travel plans, for fear that the tax men would ask how they were financing the trip. Hostesses with the mostest went down on bended knees with the request that no reference be made to exotic dishes served at their dinner parties.

An acquaintance of ours, whose carnival costume had won a prize year in and year out and now entered the contest "hors de concours," for the first time in his life went in his year's top fancy dress party in ordinary clothes. She did not want the revenue authorities to ask how many millions of cruzeiros her costume would have cost. And for a true-blue "caricature" not to go to the annual carnival event in fancy dress is a fate worse than death.

So we don't need to start grouching yet. F.D.

THERE MUST be quite a few readers of The Post who will be distressed to hear that it has been a bad season for kippers. The herring catch in Scotland has been so small that kippers are likely to be as expensive as smoked salmon.

Anyway, some kippers are run by resourceful executives and one at least has begun to smoke mackerel (of which the yield was good) instead of herring. Probably there won't be much difference in the taste either. And mackerel smoking, Gemini News Features inform us, is more labour intensive. The mackerel has to be filleted as well as cleaned and this work can only be done by hand.

The most shocking part of the report is that real kippers now sell in Scotland at the equivalent of IL16 the pair.

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